

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 29 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As described herein, SHED represent a novel population of postnatal stem cells capable of extensive proliferation and multi-potential differentiation. Deciduous teeth may, therefore, be an ideal resource of stem cells to repair damaged tooth structures, induce bone regeneration, and possible treat neural tissue injury or degenerative disease, and to create fat when needed. SHED were deposited in accordance with the Budapest Treaty with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC, 10801 University Blvd, Manassas, VA 20110) as PTA-11551 on December 15, 2010.